

**Thurs, Nov 15: Climate Change Concerns**  
**Speaker: Mary Garton**

# Grosse Pointe *VOTER*

Serving the Communities of  
Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Shores,  
Grosse Pointe Woods, and Harper Woods

## Activities This Month:

**Tues, Nov 6**  
**7 am - 8 pm**  
Election Day

**Thurs, Nov 15**  
**7:00 pm**  
Climate Change Concerns  
Speaker: Mary Garton  
GP Woods Community Center  
20025 Mack Plaza Dr  
GP Woods, 48236

**Wed, Nov 28**  
**7:00 pm**  
Board Meeting  
Central Library  
10 Kercheval Ave  
GP Farms, 48236

*Keep reading below for additional details. Hope to see you there!*

## Important links to checkout before voting

2000 LWV MI **Voter Guides** are around town (federal & statewide offices).

[You can also read the digital version here](#)

The voter guides for the local races are at [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org)

The **video for the GPPSS school board** candidate forum is now available.

[You can watch it here.](#)

The forum is also on tv. You can check it out on the GP Schools'

## November 2018

### From the Prez...

I am continually excited and inspired by the enthusiastic participation of many of our members. If you have any doubts or qualms about participating, please attend a board meeting. They are open to all, even nonmembers. The normal meeting time and place is the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Central Library. Please note that the November meeting will be on the 4th Wednesday (Nov 28) since no one wants to meet on the evening before Thanksgiving.

At the last Board meeting, we unanimously voted to advocate for the School Bond Proposal. I have written, with the collaboration of many Board members, a letter to the editor. If you missed it in the October 25th issue of the Grosse Pointe News, [here is a link to a copy.](#)

We have lawn signs that promote Proposition 2 (Gerrymandering), Proposition 3 (Promote the Vote), the School Bond Proposal, and the Library millage renewal. If you would like one of these or all of these, email me ([motsliew@aol.com](mailto:motsliew@aol.com)) and they will magically appear on your lawn.

Be sure to vote on November 6th or vote absentee if you qualify. Also, if you want, work on election day. Ask your City Clerk if they need or want helpers. It's a long day but exhilarating and rewarding.

Tom  
C. Thompson Wells, Jr. President  
The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe

## Nov 15: Climate Change & Recycling

Join us for an evening discussing environmental concerns with speaker **Mary Garton**, a member of Citizens Climate Lobby and Climate Reality, who has been active in education and climate lobbying. She will address what we as individuals can do to help in this fight and explain legislative approaches that would drastically reduce our emissions and stabilize climate change.

There will also be a short presentation on the status of recycling. Many of us are recycling the wrong items, which can hurt the effort and add to the costs of the programs.



community cable channel at 10 AM and 8 PM

The **video for the 3rd Circuit Court judicial** candidate forum (non-incumbent race) is now available.

[You can watch it here.](#)

The LWVMI has traveled across Michigan presenting information on the **three statewide ballot proposals.**

[The video from one of the presentations is here.](#)

### **LWVGP Supports the GP Schools' Bond Proposal & Library Millage**

The Grosse Pointe League's Board of Directors voted at its October 17 meeting to support renewal of the **Grosse Pointe Library** millage and the issuing of bonds by the **Grosse Pointe Public School System** for capital repairs and up to date security for our aging buildings. This vote allows members to promote these ballot items in the name of the League if they wish.



[See President Tom Wells' Letter to the GP News here.](#)

### **Statewide Ballot Endorsements**

LWV MI and LWV GP urge you to vote YES for:

#### **Proposal 18-2**

A proposed constitutional amendment to establish a commission of citizens with exclusive authority to adopt district boundaries for the Michigan Senate, Michigan House of Representatives and U.S. Congress, every 10 years.

#### **Proposal 18-3**

**Thurs, Nov 15**

**7:00 pm**

**GP Woods Community Center**

**Garden Room**

**20025 Mack Plaza Dr**

**GP Woods, 48236**

### **Oct 30: Webinar: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) in Action**

On October 19 all members of the Grosse Pointe League received an email inviting them to participate in a professionally led **Webinar on October 30, 2-3:30.** This information should be useful in the workplace as well as for League and other volunteer work. Registration is easy and there is no charge. Those who register should be able to access the discussion for a limited time period after October 30.

**When: Tuesday, October 30**

**2:00PM - 3:30PM ET**

[Register here](#)

The discussion will be facilitated by **Diversity Dimensions Consulting, LLC** - a Washington, D.C. based company that provides effective solutions to individuals and organizations seeking to harness the power of diversity and inclusion.

### **Looking for Member(s) with an Interest in the Environment**

The Grosse Pointe League has had a strong interest in environmental policy for many decades. Our members were active in the Lake Erie Inter-League Organization which helped mobilize citizens to back policies in states bordering Lake Erie to avoid further pollution and improve existing conditions.



The Lake Erie ILO has disbanded, but the Lake Michigan ILO is very active and includes Leagues surrounding Lake Michigan. Our League belongs to this organization and members Judy and Gordon Morlan have gone to their meetings and kept us informed of their activities. All members should be getting electronic updates as well.

Judy and Gordon now spend too much time away from Michigan to continue as our representatives, and our League is looking for a member (or several members) with an interest in environmental policy to represent us at Lake Michigan ILO and keep our League informed of local environmental issues as they appear. The immediate need is to stay in contact with the Lake Michigan ILO; the level of your involvement will be up to you. Please contact Tom Wells to volunteer.

### **Voter Services Board Report**

**Grosse Pointe School Board Forum**

A proposal to authorize automatic and Election Day voter registration, no-reason absentee voting, and straight ticket voting; and add current legal requirements for military and overseas voting and post-election audits to the Michigan Constitution.

## Check Your Voter Registration & Track Your Absentee Ballot

Confirm your registration by going to this page on the [Secretary of State's website](#).



Also helpful, you can track your absentee ballot. (It'll note when the application request was received/ballot was sent/ballot was returned)

Lastly, this SOS site will also show you a **sample ballot** and confirm your location for voting

## Voter Guides are available on Vote411.org

Learn about the candidates who want to lead your community!



To build your personalized voter guide, go to [Vote411.org](#), which provides voter guides and information on polling place, voting hours, and tips about voting in Michigan.

## Save the Date: Chinese Dinner January 17

Chinese Dinner/Program Planning Meeting:  
**January 17, 2019**  
**6:30 pm**

The GPSSS Board of Education Candidate Forum was held on Tuesday, October 9, 2018, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Seven candidates were invited-six participated: **Christian Fenton, Christopher Lee, Wendy Saigh, John Shook, Brian Summerfield and Margaret Weertz**. The room was filled to capacity, with overflow in adjoining rooms and the hallway. Questions focused on the school bond proposal, student safety, characteristics of a good board member, candidates' priorities if elected, priority of school maintenance and curriculum.

The forum was recorded by Steve Geresy. Videos on the forum were made available on our website, YouTube channel/Facebook page, WMTV and the School's Educational Access channel 20 on Comcast. The room was crowded, with well over 100 people attending. The lighting was poor and we encountered problems with the AV system. I have spoken to the War Memorial about my concerns. [Click here to watch.](#)

A special thanks to the following League members who assisted with this forum: Flyer development and volunteer scheduling-Sue Acton; Moderator-Mary Zahler; Timekeeper-Steve Trowbridge; Question Sorters-Laurie Coplin, Connie Frey, Mary Morshead; Question Gatherers- Sarah Coats, Deb Sloss, Centie Strong; Greeters-Vicki Granger, Peggy Hickey, Carol Todd and President Tom Wells.

## Detroit/Dearborn, Dearborn Heights LWV Circuit Court Non-Incumbent Judicial Candidate Forum

Sue Acton (greeter) and Judy Florian (timekeeper) participated in the Detroit/Dearborn, Dearborn Heights Non-incumbent Judicial Forum at Henry Ford Community College on October 4. The first hour of the meeting was an update on the three Michigan ballot proposals, presented by LWVMI President Judy Karandjeff. The second hour featured the judicial forum. All six candidates participated: **John Cahalan, Tracy Green, Bridget Mary Hathaway, Delicia Coleman Morson, Suzette Samuels, and Regina Thomas**. [Click here to watch.](#)

## 2018 Non-Partisan Voter Guides

We received 2000 voter guides from the LWVMI. We distributed the guides to the Clerks' offices in all five Grosse Pointe cities, all branches of the GP Library system, Neighborhood Club, Services for Older Citizens (SOC), Harper Woods City Hall, Harper Woods Library, Wayne County Community College-Harper Woods Campus, Grosse Pointe War Memorial, Unitarian Church, First English Church, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, St. Paul Lutheran, Grosse Pointe Historical Society and American House. A special thanks to the following members for distributing the guides: Sue Acton, Stu Dow, Marge Freundl, Connie Frey, Vicki Granger, Valerie Kindle, Mary Morshead, Ann Nicholson, Deb Sloss, Steve Trowbridge and Tom Wells.

Judy Florian  
VP for Voter Services

## Legends and Legacies Sylvia Sanders

### *Imagine Being at a LWV Event When President Kennedy Was Shot...*

*Sylvia Sanders is a very much appreciated Lifetime member of LWVGP! In the early 60's Sylvia and her husband, Les, moved to St. Clair Shores. Within a week of moving they attended a dinner meeting of the Detroit LWV. Sylvia spoke with Judy Morlan about her involvement with the League of Women Voters through the years.*

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"It was a great experience for me to meet some remarkable women who were not only LWV members, but also active at the state level. Ann Kondak was the first local person I recall and we're still friends in Grosse Pointe. (Ann continues to be active in LWVGP).

The Annex at the Unitarian Church  
17150 Maumee  
Grosse Pointe, MI 48230

[Print out the reservation form here.](#)

Cost: \$17.00

## Membership

Please welcome our new members, Lisa W and Debra F. Lisa is a member of Dining for Women, and has been involved with the ACLU. She is interested in the League's voter services. We look forward to seeing Lisa and Debra at our upcoming meetings.

Reminder: This is a final notice that members who have not paid their dues for 2018-2019 will be moved to Inactive Status.

Wilhelmina Giblin, Co-Director  
Membership

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*Do you know a family member or friend who is thinking about joining?*

*Hand them one of our membership forms to mail in!*

## LWVGP at the WCCC Conference Day

Wilhelmina Giblin, Susan Acton, and Valerie Kindle participated in the Wayne County Community College District-Wide Conference Day held Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at the Conner Campus. There were approximately 75 faculty and other employees attending this all-day conference.

The purpose for the League's participation was to educate faculty and other employees about the League of Women Voters and its mission in the community and to discuss the Statewide Ballot Proposals.

Membership materials, 2018 Voter Guides, and Vote 411 cards were also distributed to attendees. Questions from attendees ranged from 'would the redistricting commission affect the Electoral

After living in Lake Shore Village for a year, we bought a house in Grosse Pointe Woods.

My first LWV Detroit job was Publications Chairman. I was on duty at the big event the League staged at the Rackham Engineering Building on Woodward. There were numerous speakers addressing national League issues. That day, November 22, 1963, will always live in the memory of all Americans, because President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. I stood in the lobby and watched the flags go down on the poles of all the important buildings like the library, the historical society and the art institute. The speakers quietly returned to Washington D.C. and the audience just sat numb, crying together. The ladies from LWV Detroit soon gathered at a member's home, where we shared memories and cried some more. What a day to remember!

While remaining active I recall taking my daughter to meetings in a playpen. I eventually transferred my membership to the Grosse Pointe League. This happened in spite of rumors that "all the ladies did was have tea parties" - this was not true at all! Serving as treasurer for a number of years was very satisfying to me. Later I was the historian; volunteering to look after the league scrapbooks was a way to stay connected to LWVGP. Taking part in fundraisers such as the Mum Sale, attending numerous candidate forums and social events were all educational and fun.

A great part of my life has been my activity in the League, first in Detroit and then in Grosse Pointe."

## Bylaw Review

Growing up, my mother always had a fall and spring project: take EVERYTHING out of the cupboards, wash the cupboard, put in fresh shelf paper (one of the least-objectionable patterns from Kresge's basement store), and then make sure that what went back into the cupboard wasn't expired (rare in our house), and what could be passed along to the box at my grandmother's house for other family members.

Just like that fall cleaning, it's time to take a look at our LWVGP Bylaws. Since I've been a member, the bylaws have undergone several MINOR changes, such as adding or eliminating various elected positions, wording related to dues, and most recently, a change in the wording of the meetings requirements.

As I reviewed that particular article, which was voted on by the LWVGP membership at the September meeting, I saw there were inconsistencies in our bylaws, and some pieces that like those kitchen utensils, need to go. We also want to make sure our bylaws are in alignment with the LWVMI and LWVUS

LWVGP President Tom Wells has appointed a three-person committee - Vicki Granger, Ann Nicholson, and Stu Dow - to review the bylaws. We are in the process of doing that, and will have a DRAFT ready to review by the January Chinese Dinner Planning Meeting, which is set for January 17, 2019. The final document will be reviewed by the LWVGP Board at its February meeting, and the final bylaws proposal will be presented in March

College process' and questions regarding no-reason absentee voting. Attendees were encouraged to visit the league website for public policy information and upcoming events and, to encourage students to avail themselves of the league's special reduced student membership rate. We also offered to come to classes to provide information about the league and other current topics consistent with the league's mission. Overall, attendees expressed satisfaction with our presentation.

### League Links

Want to contact one of your government officials?  
[Click here!](#)

Want to check LWVGP's calendar for the latest updates?  
[Click here!](#)

[LWV Grosse Pointe](#)  
[LWV Michigan](#)  
[LWV United States](#)

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for the membership to review for the final vote at the June 1 Annual Breakfast Meeting.

As an LWVGP member, you are invited to [review the current bylaws](#), and send your suggestions/comments to Vicki Granger by November 15. If any LWVGP member would like to join the committee, please contact President Tom Wells and Vicki by November 15. Email either Tom or Vicki via [lwvgrossepointe@gmail.com](mailto:lwvgrossepointe@gmail.com)

Submitted by Vicki Granger

### Kick-Off Meeting

It was a successful night and full house in September for the Kick Off Meeting covering Michigan's State Ballot Issues. President Tom Wells introduces the speaker, Paula Bowman, LWVMI Secretary.



photos by Connie Frey

**Please note: There will be no holiday gathering in December.**



["Like" the LWVGP on Facebook! And check out our activities here!](#)

[Join the League! Print out our membership form to mail in](#)

[New Member Handbook](#)